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A CONSULAR APPOINTMENT

The decision of William Howard Taft III to make the U.S. Foreign Service his career is in line with a distinguished family tradition of service to country and government.

The former U.S. Ambassador to Zaire, a post which he filled for four years with diplomatic competence and ability, has been nominated by President Eisenhower to be U.S. Consul General in Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa. In accepting the new assignment he is taking a lower ranking post which enables him to qualify for Foreign Service career status. His term as ambassador did not put him in this category.

Grandson and namesake of the former U.S. President and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and son of the late illustrious U.S. Sen. Robert A. Taft, the former ambassador is remembered in New Haven as a resident and as a member of the Yale faculty. Prior to going to Ireland as envoy he had worked for the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency. And following his ambassadorship he served on the Policy Planning Board of the State Department.

Few there are, we daresay, willing to step down several rungs of the ladder to embrace a future career in Foreign Service. Yet that is one crucial front on which the United States, now if ever, needs men of the eminent qualifications of William Howard Taft III. And in going to Africa he will be serving in an important diplomatic outpost of the present. Senate confirmation of the new Consul General in Mozambique seems assured.

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